

ABSTRACT

A system for rendering media content in accordance with the invention includes a first platform for storing media content, wherein the media content comprises an unrenderable state when received by the first platform. The system further includes a second platform that is communicatively coupled with the first platform for rendering the stored media content. The first and second platforms cooperatively provide an interface for purchasing a right to render the stored, protected media content at least one time. In the system, at least one of the first and second platforms is operable to convert the stored media content to a renderable state upon the purchase of the right to render.